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SUBJ: UN ADMINISTRATION: FIFTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERS AMENDMENTS
TO DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET MACHINERY

REF: USUN 5009

SUMMARY: ALGERIAN DEL INTRODUCED AMENDMENT PROPOSING
EXAMINATION OF ACABQ ROLE. BELGIAN DEL INTRODUCED AMEND-
MENT WELCOMING CERTAIN WORKING GROUP (WG) RECOMMENDATIONS.
MISSION INTENDS TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS ON BOTH
AMENDMENTS. END SUMMARY

2. AT AFIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING OCT 15, ALGERIAN DEL PROPOSED
ADDITIONAL PARA BETWEEN PARAS 7 AND 8 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION
TRANSMITTED REFTTEL, THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

"REQUESTS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE ROLE
OF THE ACABQ WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF POSSIBLE MODIFICA-
TIONS IN THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED
NATIONS, INCLUDING INTER ALIA THE MANDATE AND COMPOSI-
TION OF THE ACABQ."

3. COMMENT: ORIGINAL ALGERIAN PROPOSAL WAS FOR OUTRIGHT
INCREASE IN SIZE OF ACABQ. AFTER LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS
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WITH THE US AND OTHER DELS, ALGERIA ACCEPTED

WATERED-DOWN LANGUAGE IN PARA TWO ABOVE. WHILE MISSION DOES NOT PARTICULARLY WELCOME THIS ALGERIAN INITIATIVE, WE BELIEVE FAILURE TO ACCEPT THIS VAGUE FORMULA WOULD LEAD TO RE-INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF ORIGINAL ALGERIAN PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD BE MUCH WORSE FOR US INTERESTS.

4. AT SAME MEETING, BELGIAN DEL PROPOSED THAT PARA 6 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION BE AMENDED TO "WELCOME" WG REPORT RATHER THAN "TAKE NOTE" OF IT AND TO WELCOME WG RECOMMENDATIONS 1, 2 AND 3. MISSION SEES NO PROBLEM WITH BELGIAN PROPOSAL OR SOME NEW WORDING INCORPORATING ITS SUBSTANCE.
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